What the 2007 May Revision Means for Ventura County

The Governor's 2007 May Revision - which modifies his 2007-08 budget proposal - maintains his commitment to aggressively pay down debt, restrain spending and build the state's reserve while fully funding education and maintaining California's public safety, environmental and health care priorities. The May Revision achieves these goals without raising taxes, and maintains some of the nation's highest funding to support vulnerable populations. Governor Schwarzenegger's May Revision helps insure California against economic slowdowns, keeps the state's fiscal house in order and prepares California for the future with record funding for education.

In This Fact Sheet:

This fact sheet provides county funding allocations for and descriptions of some of the most important programs contained in the Governor's May Revision. Some programs cannot be regionalized until funding allocations are finalized throughout the year. All figures below are specific to Ventura County unless otherwise noted.

Budget Summary		
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Health Care		
Child Support Services Program	\$348,064,486 (Southern California Region*)	
Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAF	9) \$40,146,280(Southern California Region*)	
Cooperative Programs (Transition Skills Training)	\$39,116,670 (Southern California Region*)	
Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) - Community Service Supports	es and \$270,231,100 (Southern California Region*)	
Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) - Housing Program	\$241,485,800 (Southern California Region*)	
Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) - Workforce Training Education	\$60,006,100 (Southern California Region*)	
Emergency Preparedness Funding	\$26,449,225 (Southern California Region*)	
HIV Education and Prevention	\$18,308,542 (Southern California Region*)	
CDIC/Tobacco Control Program	\$7,160,089 (Southern California Region*)	
CDIC/California Nutrition Network in the Cancer Prevent Nutrition Section	on & \$35,450,451 (Southern California Region*)	
DCDCImmunization Branch	\$11,133,068 (Southern California Region*)	
Public Safety		
Anti-Gang Initiative	\$159,800	
Anti-Drug Abuse Program	\$199,014	
Domestic Violence Assistance Program	\$400,142	
Domestic Violence Response Team	\$345,646	
Elder Abuse Advocacy & Outreach Program	\$110,000	
Gang Violence Suppression Program	\$392,500	
Hazard Mitigation Grant Program	\$337,003	
Victim/Witness Assistance Program	\$392,359	
Vertical Prosecution Block Grant Program	\$181,363	
War on Methamphetamine	\$350,000	
Education	Pending	
Business, Transportation and Housing		
CalTrans	\$94,328,000	
State Transit Assistance (STA)	\$2,525,000	
State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)	\$1,396,000	

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State Highway Operation and Protection Program (SHOPP)	\$31,280,000
Traffic Congestion Relief Program (TCRP)	\$9,820,000
Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV)	\$574,000
Total DOT Bonds	\$32,351,000
Total Non-DOT Bonds	\$21,584,000
Office of Traffic Safety (OTS)	\$419,956
California Highway Patrol (CHP)	(Statewide) \$24,563,326
Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD)	\$58,420
Resource Projects	
Integrated Regional Water Management	Pending
Veterans Services	
County Veterans Service Office Subvention	\$65,424
Veterans Homes of California – Capital Outlay	(Split w/ Los Angeles County) \$995,000
Environmental Protections	
Carl Moyer Program	\$2,305,560
Mill Assessment Funds	\$413,159
Local Enforcement Agency	\$23,672
Department of Agriculture – Statewide Benefit	
Med-Fly Preventative Release Program	(Statewide) \$658,000
Vehicle Inspection Program	(Statewide) \$407,000
State and Consumer Services – Statewide Benefit	
iLicensing System	(Statewide) \$1,300,000
Bureau of Automotive Repair	(Statewide) \$7,500,000
Tax Gap Enforcement	(Statewide) \$19,600,000
Green Building Action Plan Resources	(Statewide) \$3,400,000

^{*}The Southern California Region includes: San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Ventura, Los Angeles, San Bernardino, Orange, Riverside, San Diego, and Imperial.

Program Descriptions

Health Care

The Governor's May Revision maintains a strong and responsible safety net for California's most vulnerable residents, continues the reform proposals and initiatives included in the Governor's January Budget Proposal, and increases investments in targeted areas to improve the health and safety of Californians. In doing so, the May Revision strikes a reasonable and responsible balance between the need to provide essential services while managing and controlling program growth and costs.

The following funding allocations will benefit the Southern California Region including Ventura County:

Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)

Provides financial assistance to low-income persons to offset the costs of heating and/or cooling dwellings, and provides installation of weatherization measures that increase the energy efficiency of dwellings occupied by low-income persons.

Freeze Emergency Food Bank Funding

Funding provided to freeze disaster counties for food bank supplies and equipment.

Child Support Services

Local Child Support Agencies provide services for the collection of child support payments including establishing paternity, obtaining child and medical support orders, locating parents, enforcing child and spousal support orders, and collecting and distributing child support

Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) - Community Services and Supports

Provides funding for services to individuals with serious emotional disturbance and serious mental illness.

Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) - Housing Program

New housing program jointly run by the Department of Mental Health and the California Housing and Finance Agency under which \$75 million in MHSA funds will be allocated each year to finance the capital costs associated with the development, acquisition, construction and/or rehabilitation of permanent supportive housing for individuals with mental illness and their families.

Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) - Workforce Training and Education

Dedicated funding to remedy shortage of qualified workforce. Expands outreach to multi-cultural communities, increases diversity of workforce, and promotes web-based technologies and distance learning.

Cooperative Programs (Transition Skills Training)

The Department of Rehabilitation (DOR) works with local education agencies, state and community colleges and universities, county mental health and welfare agencies to develop cooperative program agreements to provide vocational rehabilitation services to individuals mutually served by DOR and its partner agencies. Services provided include vocational planning and assessment, employment skills training, job placement and other services necessary to assist individuals with significant disabilities in reaching their employment goals.

Emergency Preparedness Funding

Emergency preparedness funding allows local health departments to improve their capacity to respond to emergencies such as biological, chemical and radiological terrorist attacks, infectious disease epidemics and acute mass casualty events.

HIV Education Prevention Fund

Focuses on preventing HIV transmission, promoting the development of risk reduction skills and changing attitudes and norms that may sanction unsafe sexual and drug-taking behaviors.

CDIC/Tobacco Control Program

Tobacco Control Program Competitive Grants help local communities combat the illegal sale of tobacco to minors and are a key component in California's comprehensive approach to reducing tobacco use throughout the state.

CDIC/California Nutrition Network in the Cancer Prevention & Nutrition Section

Nutrition education & physical activity promotion that targets food stamp-eligible and other low income Californians.

DCDC--Immunization Branch

Provides local assistance to health departments for immunization services.

Public Safety

Protecting the children and citizens California is an essential responsibility of state government. Governor Schwarzenegger has fought to support local law enforcement, toughen penalties on sex offenders, crack down on child and domestic abuse, strengthen homeland security, and to increase punishment for gang-related crimes. The May Revision proposes significant changes regarding state prison and local jail capacity issues, the collection of fines and fees, and the targeting of gangs.

The following funding allocations will benefit Ventura County:

Anti-Gang Initiative

In 2006, the federal government made funds available to each of the United States Attorney's Offices (USAOs) to support new or expanded anti-gang efforts under the Anti-Gang Initiative (AGI). The AGI funds will be used to combat gangs within a specific target area using a combination of prevention, enforcement and prosecution efforts. As with the Project Safe Neighborhood Program, the program is administered through USAOs, three of which have selected the California Office of Emergency Services as their fiscal agent (Northern, Eastern and Central Districts).

Anti-Drug Abuse Program

This program supports Multi-Jurisdictional Drug Task Forces (MJDTF) in each of California's 58 counties to combat manufacturing, distribution, and sales of narcotics and dangerous drugs. The MJTDF integrates Federal, State, and/or local law enforcement agencies and prosecutors for the purpose of enhancing interagency coordination and intelligence in the facilitation of multi-jurisdictional investigations.

Domestic Violence Assistance Program

The Statewide Domestic Violence Assistance Program is designed to

(1) provide local assistance to existing service providers to maintain and/or expand services for victims of domestic violence (DV) and their children, based on need as demonstrated by prior service statistics, local crime statistics, current population and population projections, economic factors, geographic and cultural factors; and (2) provide local assistance for the development and establishment of DV services to currently unserved and underserved populations, including, but not limited to, rural areas, non-English speaking groups, minorities, or geographical areas without services.

<u>Domestic Violence Response Team Program</u>

The primary goal of the Domestic Violence Response Team (DVRT) is to fund staff to provide immediate response crisis intervention services following a domestic violence incident, and to provide advocacy and accompaniment services to domestic violence victims throughout the criminal justice and civil legal process. The DVRT must also collaborate with and coordinate efforts with multidisciplinary teams/organizations serving clients in common to ensure a continuum of care.

DVRT refers to a team that includes a domestic violence advocate and a law enforcement representative. It may also include a domestic violence deputy district or city attorney, a probation officer, and a hospital representative or health care provider. The DVRT is designed to immediately respond to the secured scene of a domestic violence incident in person or by telephone when requested by law enforcement and provide crisis intervention services.

Elder Abuse Advocacy and Outreach Program

The primary goal of the Elder Abuse Advocacy and Outreach Program is to enhance the safety of elder and dependent adults in California by establishing funded victim advocacy positions to provide services to elder victims of crime, coordinate direct services in an enhanced response to allegations of elder abuse among locally involved agencies, and implement an outreach awareness program for reporters of elder abuse and criminal justice personnel, senior citizens and the public.

Gang Violence Suppression Program

This is a multi-component program that provides funds for each of five components: law enforcement; prosecution; probation; prevention; and education, which are focused on targeted communities to comprehensively address the problems of gang violence in those communities. The focus of the program is to reduce the level of gang violence in communities and to divert potentially dangerous gang activity into positive and constructive behavior.

Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP)

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) makes this program available to states after each disaster declaration. The HMGP provides up to 75% in funding for hazard mitigation measures to support cost-effective measures to reduce the risk of damage and human suffering from future disasters. Current HMGP funding

available to California is 15 % of the total estimated eligible Stafford Act disaster assistance (Public Assistance plus Individual Assistance) for each federally declared event.

Victim/Witness Assistance Program

The Victim/Witness Assistance Program helps victims and witnesses of all types of crime by maintaining local centers that provide comprehensive assistance, including all legislatively mandated services, as required in California Penal Code §13835 et seq. Victim/Witness Assistance (V/W) Centers are in place in every county in the state with 44 projects in District Attorneys' offices, eight in probation departments, four in community-based organizations, one in a county office, and one in a county sheriff's office.

Vertical Prosecution Block Grant Program

Vertical prosecution is a proven program model, which involves the use of highly experienced and skilled prosecutors who prosecute a reduced caseload of specific types of serious criminal cases from the filing of the case through sentencing.

War on Methamphetamine

California's War on Methamphetamine is conducted through the California Multi-Jurisdictional Methamphetamine Enforcement Team (Cal-MMET) Program.

The Cal-MMET Program currently works in conjunction with local steering committees in federally designated High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas (HIDTAs) to intensify the current methamphetamine eradication efforts of participating law enforcement agencies by providing additional resources for investigators and prosecutors specializing in methamphetamine offenses, as well as support staff, equipment, training, and facilities.

Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD)

The mission of the Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) is to expand and preserve safe and affordable housing opportunities and promote strong communities for all Californians. The HCD: (1) administers housing finance, economic development and community development programs; (2) develops housing policy and advocates for an adequate housing supply; and (3) develops building codes and regulates manufactured homes and mobilehome parks. The HCD also provides technical and financial assistance to local agencies to support housing development. These funds support programs such as the Self-Help Housing Fund, the Joe Serna, Jr. Farmworker Housing Grant Fund, the Housing Rehabilitation Loan Fund and the Emergency Housing and Assistance Fund.

Business, Transportation and Housing

The Business, Transportation, and Housing Agency includes programs that: plan, build, and maintain California's state transportation systems; ensure efficient and fair markets for the real estate industry, health care plans, and certain financial businesses; and help communities expand the availability of affordable housing. Agency programs help finance the state's infrastructure, small business expansion, and economic development by encouraging and promoting economic activity and investment within the state.

The following funding allocations will benefit Ventura County:

CalTrans

CalTrans statewide aggregate funding allocated to cities, counties and districts totals \$7.497 billion this year. This includes funding for the following programs:

- State Transit Assistance (STA) -- These funds are appropriated to the State Controller and allocated directly to local transportation planning agencies.
- State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) -- A capital improvement program of transportation
 projects on and off the State Highway System. These projects increase capacity and are funded from
 highway user taxes, including state and federal fuel excise taxes, weight fees, as well as a portion of the
 Proposition 42 revenues from the sales tax on motor vehicle fuel.

- State Highway Operation and Protection Program (SHOPP) -- Specific objectives for collision reduction, bridge preservation, roadway preservation, roadside preservation, mobility enhancement and preservation of other transportation facilities related to the state highway system.
- Traffic Congestion Relief Program (TCRP) -- a statewide program to fund 141 designated projects to relieve congestion.

<u>Department of Transportation Bond Funds</u>

DOT bond funding estimates include funds from DOT-administered accounts created by the Highway Safety, Traffic Reduction, Air Quality, and Port Security Bond Act of 2006. County distribution is primarily based on STIP county share formula with the exception of Corridor Mobility Improvement Account and Route 99 funds, which are based on 2007-08 program allocation schedules, and SHOPP bond funds, which are based on 2007-08 SHOPP allocation capacity. The \$187 million total for intercity rail is included in the "District HQ Total."

Non-Department of Transportation Bond Funds

Non-DOT bond funding estimates include: Local Streets & Roads funding distributed by actual transfers of local Proposition 42 from 2005-06; Transit funding distributed by formula from the 2007-08 Governor's Budget and PUC 99313 and 99314; and School Bus Retrofit funding distributed by STIP county share formula.

Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV)

Provides support and capital outlay project funding for new, relocated, renovated, or reconfigured offices that are authorized and funded and their anticipated opening dates.

Office of Traffic Safety (OTS)

OTS is committed to providing law enforcement much needed funding to implement results-driven enforcement and education programs designed to impact public safety.

California Highway Patrol (CHP)

The Governor's Budget allows the CHP to increase staffing levels and strengthen proactive patrols that deter violations, enhance security and reduce response times. Funding will be allocated to individual counties throughout the year, specifically over \$24.5 million in OTS grant funding to be distributed in October of 2007.

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Resources Projects

Resources Agency programs protect and restore California's natural resources for current and future generations. Included among the state's diverse attributes are stunning coastlines and lakes, spectacular forests, vast fish and wildlife habitats, rich farmlands, and extensive mineral resources. Agency programs also protect the public by suppressing wildfires, constructing river levees, and permitting safe power plants. These programs not only contribute to the state's unique quality of life, they are critical to sustaining a vibrant economy.

The Governor's May Revision provides \$6.4 billion and more than 16,000 positions to protect and manage California's natural resources in 2007-08.

Integrated Regional Water Management

Provides grants on a competitive basis within each identified hydrologic region or sub-region.

Homeland Security -- Los Angeles, Bay Area and Delta Region

The Administration is committed to mitigating the effects of emergencies and disasters on the people of California and protecting its citizens from man-made disasters. The following funding allocations will be provided primarily to the Bay Area and Southern California regions but will benefit the entire state through increased public safety from disasters.

Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI)

The UASI program allocates federal funds to urban areas deemed to be a higher risk for terrorist activity. San Francisco, Alameda and Santa Clara Counties encompass this UASI region and will be awarded funds later this year to invest in critical homeland security programs.

Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP)

The federal government awards homeland security funds to California based on both a formulaic and competitive basis. 80% of the funds that are awarded to California in this program are allocated to counties based largely on population.

Transit Security Grant Program (TSGP)

The TSGP provides grant funding to the nation's key high-threat urban areas to enhance security measure for their critical transit infrastructure including bus, rail and ferry systems.

Port Security Grant Program (PSGP)

The PSGP provides funding to port areas for the protection of critical port infrastructure from terrorism. These funds assist ports in increasing their capabilities to prevent, detect, deter, respond to and recover from terrorist attacks involving IEDs and other non-conventional weapons. These funds are awarded to the Ports of San Francisco, Oakland, Richmond, Stockton, Los Angeles and Long Beach.

Veteran's Services

County Veterans Service Office Subvention

Collectively, the County Veterans Service Offices, through claims initiation and development, provide assistance to veterans and their dependents in preparing and submitting claims and in representing claimants before government agencies providing veterans benefits.

The following funding allocations will benefit Ventura County:

Initial Staffing for Planning New Veterans Homes

Provides \$995,000 General Fund and 8 positions for the initial construction and pre-activation phases of the Greater Los Angeles and Ventura County Veterans Homes project. These positions will help ensure that construction and business operations comply with applicable federal, state and local laws and regulations. Construction of the West Los Angeles Veterans Home and the satellite facilities in Ventura and Lancaster will begin in July 2007 with Ventura and Lancaster to be completed in December 2008. The Veterans Home in West Los Angeles will be completed in December 2009. When the project is complete it will bring Adult Day Health Care, assisted living and Skilled Nursing Facility care, including dementia care, to the greater Ventura and Los Angles area where approximately 500,000 veterans reside.

Salary Increases for Employees Affected by the Coleman and Perez Court Cases

Allocates \$564,000 for the Department of Veterans Affairs (CDVA) to provide salary increases to employees in job classifications affected by the Coleman and Perez court cases. These increases are necessary to properly protect and serve the members in the Veterans Homes by retaining existing staff and enhancing the recruitment of additional mental health and dental professionals. This funding will enable the CDVA to increase salaries for psychiatrists and senior psychologists to California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) salary levels less five percent, and raises salaries for all other impacted mental health and dental classifications to CDCR salary levels less 18 percent.

Environmental Protections

The California Environmental Protection Agency (Cal/EPA) administers the state's environmental protection programs, which focus on restoring, preserving, and enhancing California's environmental quality and protecting

public health. The Governor's May Revision includes \$1.7 billion (\$85.8 million General Fund and \$1.6 billion other funds) for Cal/EPA. Agency funding supports efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions that cause climate change, promote clean alternative fuels, improve water quality, reduce risk from pesticides and hazardous chemicals, and encourage the reuse of recyclable materials and brownfield sites.

The following funding allocations will benefit Ventura County:

Mill Assessment Funds

California assesses a fee on all pesticide sales, levied at the point of first sale into the state. Mill assessment revenues are placed in a special fund used to support the State's pesticide regulatory program.

Local Enforcement Agency

Provides grant funds, based on population and solid waste facilities, to local enforcement agencies to assist in their solid waste facilities permit and inspection programs. Funding information for FY 2007/08 is not currently available, as the grant awards are calculated based on population data provided by DOF, as well as number of active, permitted solid waste facilities located within the jurisdiction.

Agriculture

The Governor's May Revision includes \$294.5 million for the Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) which supports objectives including: serving the diverse citizenry of California by maintaining an abundant, affordable, safe, and nutritious food supply; providing leadership, innovation, and oversight over the production and marketing of agricultural products; preventing or eradicating plant and animal diseases and exotic and invasive species harmful to people, commerce, and the environment; developing and enforcing weights and measures standards for all types of products at all levels of commerce; and, supporting fairs and expositions in the state for their societal and economic service values.

The following funding allocations will have a statewide impact and benefit all counties:

Preventative Release Program

The Governor's May Revision includes \$658,000 General Fund allocated statewide to purchase and implement a tower system for rearing Mediterranean Fruit Fly (Medfly) and other fruit flies for the Preventive Release Program (PRP).

Vehicle Inspection Program

The May Revision includes \$407,000 and 5.0 positions to continue the All Vehicle Inspection Pilot Program located at the Inspection Station in Needles, California for a second year.

State and Consumer Services

The State and Consumer Services Agency's (SCSA) mission is to help educate consumers and make government more efficient, effective, and accountable for all California taxpayers. The Governor's May Revision proposes \$24.9 billion (\$574.9 million General Fund) for the various entities within the SCSA. This represents an increase of \$1.7 billion from the revised 2006-07 Budget.

The following programs will have a statewide impact and benefit all counties:

iLicensing System

The 2006-07 Budget includes \$1.3 million (various special funds) to establish an iLicensing System that will make online data available to licensees and applicants of all programs overseen by the Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA). Consumers will have greater access to up-to-date licensee status information and businesses and licensees will be able to conduct more business online. By conducting more business online, processing and approval will be expedited, thereby serving consumers faster.

Bureau of Automotive Repair

The 2006-07 Budget includes \$7.5 million (various special funds) for the Bureau of Automotive Repair to support two consumer assistance programs: the Smog Check Repair Assistance Program and the Vehicle Retirement Program. The May Revision also includes \$12.3 million (various special funds) for the Bureau of Automotive

Repair to implement a visible smoke test into the Smog Check Program by January 1, 2008, and to increase the vehicle retirement payment to specified consumers.

Tax Gap Enforcement

The Governor's May Revision proposes \$19.6 million for various efforts to close the state's estimated \$6.5 billion tax gap. The existing programs concentrate on detecting non filers and filers of fraudulent returns and on audit and collections activities. The Franchise Tax Board estimates these programs will generate \$64.7 million in revenues in 2007-08, and \$68.5 million in revenues in 2008-09.

Green Building Action Plan Resources

The Governor's May Revision includes \$3.4 million (Service Revolving Fund) to implement required energy savings programs and projects as specified in the Governor's Executive Order S-20-04 and the accompanying Green Building Action Plan.